



**ANIMAL PROTECTION & CONTROL  
ADVISORY BOARD  
Meeting Minutes  
February 26th, 2004**

**In Attendance:**

Carol Williams  
Greg Ellison  
Pat Jollota  
Dr. Elizabeth Grauer  
Shirley Malar

**Staff:**

Linda Moorhead  
Teri Wilson  
  
Phil Olson

**I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Debi Bidelman and Ed Anderson called and said that they would not be able to make it and were not in attendance.

**II. Reading & Approval of the October 2003 & January 2004 minutes:**

The minutes were approved with no additions or corrections. The minutes will stand as written

**III. Orders of the Day**

**Quarterly Statistical Report**

Phil Olson presented the shelter statistics and advised that they are adopting or returning to owner sixty percent of all dogs that come into the shelter. The shelter is looking at ways to get the cats out of the cat kennels and place them in other locations to show them. They have also now obtained a trainer from Sea World to help with training for the animals.  
See attachments:

Linda Moorhead presented the Clark County Animal Control statistics. It appeared that all categories appeared to be down with the exception of the cruelty/neglect category. The staff advised that these could be weather related and that these include founded and unfounded reports.

See attachments:

### **Elections for 2004**

Carol Williams was elected chair for 2004. The election for the co-chair was carried over because of a four-way tie for the co-chair position. Ballots were handed out and resubmitted to the staff. The ballots were counted and the staff announced that Greg Ellison was the new co-chair for 2004.

### **Spay/Neuter Contracts**

Linda Moorhead advised the board that the spay neuter grants that were approved by the county commissioners were from the recommendations of the advisory board. There was a delay while some of the applicants provided their proof of insurance. Those contracts are being processed for payment and those groups should see funds by the end of March 2004.

See attachments:

### **No More Homeless Pet Coalition**

The brochure is in its final stages and they are shooting for an April 2004 publishing date.

### **2004 Work Plan**

There are three open positions on the Advisory Board. Carol Williams is no longer an owner operator of a facility and so she will be moved to the dog owner vacancy. Greg Ellison will move from the at large position to the cat owner will switch to cat vacancy. The positions for the facility owner/operator, at large, livestock and owns no domestic animals are still open.

The members discussed how to get the word out to citizens who would qualify for the open positions. Animal Control will be sending out a PSA about these vacancies, contact other local business owners, groups or agencies as well as posting the information on our web site at [www.clark.wa.gov](http://www.clark.wa.gov).

Applications for the positions will be collected through the Animal Control office. The board will also review applications from prior openings and call to see if the applicants are still interested.

## **IV. Roundtable**

There was a discussion regarding the issue of missed meetings and the by-laws. The board would like the staff to review the by laws and advise. They would like to have letters sent out to board members missing three or more meetings.

Please note the attendance information was given to all members at the January 2004 meeting and the same information was mailed to the persons not in attendance that night. Staff will submit this information to the members again to include all of 2003 and January through February 2004.

Linda Moorhead advised the board of the recent decision to merge the Clark County Code Enforcement and Animal Protection and Control departments. There was a discussion of where the board would be meeting in the future. They would like to continue meeting at the Hazel Dell Sewer District meeting room for the time being.

Concerns were brought forth regarding member's names and addresses being on public record. The board would like to have their addresses on a confidential non published list and their e-mails only for publication.

#### **V. Public Forum**

Phil Olson brought up bills of interest coming up in the legislature.

1. Wild animal bill
2. Dog fighting bill
3. Cruelty bill classification and definition of pain and suffering

#### **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

#### **VII. Hearing Tribunal**

There were no written appeals reviewed this month.